

MINUTES
CHILDREN AND YOUTH COMMISSION
MEETING OF
OCTOBER 8, 2021 at 5:00 P.M.
Department Library

1. Call to Order at 5:00 P.M.
Chairman Atkins opened the meeting of the Department Children and Youth Commission at 5:00 P.M.
2. Salute to the Colors
The Colors were saluted.
3. Invocation, William Fast, 14th District Chairman gave the opening invocation.
4. Pledge of Allegiance
Chairman Atkins led those present in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.
5. Roll Call: Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator

Members present:

Kevin Motter, 1st District Chairman- PRESENT
Ken Schutz, 2nd District Chairman- PRESENT
Al Burlingame, 3rd District Chairman- PRESENT
Frank Morrow, 4th District Chairman- PRESENT
Al Beyer, 5th District Chairman- NOT PRESENT
Carrol Liston, 6th District Chairman- PRESENT
Paul Sands, 7th District Chairman- PRESENT
Robin Johnson, 8th District Chairwoman- NOT PRESENT
Charles Stennis, 9th District Chairman- NOT PRESENT
Andy Atkins, Department Chairman- PRESENT
Thom Stan, 11th District Chairman- PRESENT
Rick Garren, 12th District Chairman- PRESENT
Robert White, 13th District Chairman- PRESENT
William Fast, 14th District Chairman- PRESENT

Guests Present:

Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator
Steve Erwin, 4th District
Mike Homan, 2nd District
Ken Ellis, 4th District

6. Reading of Previous Minutes

Ken Schutz, 2nd District Chairman moved, seconded by Robert White, 13th District Chairman to approve the minutes of the last meeting.

MOTION PASSED

7. Sojourners Care Network information and donations

Discussion was had about Children & Youth pins, Children & Youth cans, and CWF pigs. \$105.00 was turned in from Children & Youth pin sales.

Ken Schutz, 2nd District Chairman motions, seconded by Robert White, 13th District Chairman seconds not to purchase stickers to cover up the bottom of the can. The commission will just modify it themselves.

MOTION PASSED

Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator notifies the committee that there is a fact sheet inside their packets on Sojourners Care Network, so the commission is as knowledgeable as possible to share with their posts what they are donating towards.

Robert White, 13th District Chairman asked that the Sojourners Care Network information sheet gets added to the packets that the Department Executive Committee receives so the districts are knowledgeable in the organization as well.

Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator reminds the commission that if a donation check is made out to Child Welfare, it will go to CWF at National. If the check is made out for Children & Youth, it will stay local and go towards Ohio Children & Youth programs or Sojourners Care Network for 2021-2022.

8. Unfinished Business

- a. Children & Youth T-Shirts- research was done with a few companies and the price per shirt would be over \$20.00 a shirt. That is not worth the price of the shirt. With the difference sizes of shirts, the inventory would have to be massive. The commission should stick to something that is one size like a hat or something.

Robert White, 13th District Chairman motions, seconded by Ken Schutz, 2nd District Chairman to table the t-shirt discussion until Spring Meeting and asks each chairman to brainstorm different donation ideas that would be cost effective.

MOTION PASSED

- b. Donovan's kids update- Al Beyer, 5th District Chairman researched the organization and found out that they are no longer in business.

9. New Business

- a. Suicide Prevention and Awareness promotion- William Fast, 14th District Chairman mentions to the commission that he went to a church seminar and the success rate is very poor in the Country to prevent suicide and try to get the Veteran to the VA. About a 45% success rate. Christie White, Americanism and Children & Youth Coordinator notified the commission that she went on Legion.org and searched suicide awareness and prevention. There were two links that had handouts from the U.S. Department of Veterans Services, and they are provided to the commission. There was also an article on Veteran Suicide Prevention: Maximizing Effectiveness and Increasing Awareness on Nationals website that she printed and made available to the commission. Ken Schutz, 2nd District Chairman mentioned that the Van Wert Post has a PTSD program that has non-professional members that are there to talk with the members that feel like they need to talk. It is open to Post members and civilians. The Children and Youth Commission and VA&R Commission both focus on Suicide Prevention

and Awareness so Spring Meetings should be a joint meeting with an outside source for help/information. Rick Garren's daughter works at a family crisis center, so he will talk to her about ideas.

10. Good of the Legion

Thom Stan, 11th District Chairman reads a Resolution that was approved by the Americanism Commission regarding teaching civics in schools, and he asks for the Children & Youth Commission to support and back the resolution as well.

Thom Stan, 11th District Chairman motions, seconded by Rick Garren, 12th District Chairman to co-sponsor and support the Resolution that was approved by the Americanism Commission regarding teaching civics in school.

MOTION PASSED

Ken Schutz mentions that Ohio Scholarships cannot be given to Legionnaire grandkids if they live out of State. It was suggested that a Resolution come out of a Post to try and change the eligibility so Ohio Veterans grandkids can be eligible for the Ohio Scholarships.

11. Benediction. William Fast, 14th District Chairman gives the benediction.

12. Adjourned. Robert White, 13th District Chairman motions to adjourn the meeting. Ken Schutz, 2nd District Chairman, seconds the motions. Meeting adjourned at 6:17 P.M.